to the effect that he has left India for his concert tour abroad and he would not be able to attend the 146th Session of the Rajya Sabha. He has accordingly, requested for grant of leave of absence from all the sittings of the Rajya Sabha during the current Session.

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Pt. Ravi Shankar for remaining absent from all the meetings of the House during the current Session?

(*No hon. Member dissented*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

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**MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, what is the procedure for election to the Committee? Is it by consensus?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let the motion be moved.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam, I move the following Motion:

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do agree to nominate seven Members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of the Lok Sabha for the term ending on the 30th April, 1989, and do proceed to elect in such manner as the Chairman may direct, seven Members from among the Members of the House to serve on the said Committee."

*The question was put and the motion was adopted.*

**MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam, I move the following Motion:—

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do agree to nominate seven Members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Undertakings of the Lok Sabha for the term ending on the 30th April, 1989, and do proceed to elect in such manner as the Chairman may direct, seven Members from among the Members of the House to serve on the said Committee."

*The question was put and the motion was adopted.*

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**MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam, I move the following Motion:—

"That this House resolves that the Rajya Sabha do join the Committee of both the Houses on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the term ending on the 30th April, 1989, and do proceed to elect, in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, ten Members from among the Members of the House to serve on the said Committee."

*The question was put and the motion was adopted.*